how the Government propose to protect interest of the consumers in absence of such study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (d) It is true that Government has entrusted BICP to undertake cost and fair selling price studies on various manmade and synthetic staple fibres and filament yarn including Viscose Filament Yarn. No such study has been entrusted to BICP for blended yarn. However, Government has an open mind about these studies and the study in respect of blended yarn could also be taken at an appropriate stage, if situation so demands.

Release of foreign exchange for visits abroad

4062. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign exchange released for the visits abroad of cultural troupes, ministers and officials of the Union and State Governments, co-operative bodies and Indian tourists, during 1989 and 1990;

(b) whether the Government propose to restrict such visits to the minimum and only for important official and business purposes in view of the foreign exchange crisis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Instructions have been issued to various Government departments to restrict foreign visits of officials to the barest minimum. In fact, no foreign travel of officials is normally allowed unless in very special cases involving matters related to foreign aid, trade and foreign policy.

[Translation]

Ghajipur opium factory

4063. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) when the opium factory was set up in Ghajipur district and how many times it has been renovated so far; and

(b) the profit earned by the Government from the above factory during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESWAR THAKUR) : (a) Opium factory at Ghajipur was set up in 1820 and renovated/repaired as and when need arose. In the last ten years, major repairs (apart from petty ones) were conducted on some buildings in 1982, 1983 and 1985.

(b) Profit earned and loss incurred during the last three years, year-wise, are as under :—

Year	Profit (Rs. in lakhs)	Loss (Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89	—	232.26
1989-90	459.14	—
1990-91	699.49	—

(The above figures are subject to finalisation).